Kandanat (Vaikom) bridge.

241. ✻ MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: In regard to the Kandanat (Vaikom) bridge, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the year in which it was completed;

(*b*) whether it is fit for car traffic;

(*c*) whether the planks of the bridge have become loose; and

(*d*) if so, whether the bridge is to be repaired?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No information is available regarding the time of construction of the bridge. It is a very old bridge.

(*b*) Not quite safe for traffic.

(*c*) The planks have become loose.

(*d*) Yes. An estimate is being prepared.

Muthukuzhi Vayal.

242. ✻MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the height of Muthukuzhi Vayal from the sea level giving the approximate area of such a plateau having such maximum level?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The height of the Muthukuzhi Vayal is 4250 feet above the mean sea level. The plateau has not yet been correctly surveyed?

Conditions of Potters and Weavers.

243. ✻ MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Industries or the Co-operative Department have placed before the Government any definite and workable scheme to improve the conditions of (i) the potters of Travancore or South Travancore (ii) the weavers of Kottar or that of Onnavilakadi;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action they have taken on such schemes?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പോട്ടേഴ്സിന്റെ വ്യവസായം നവീന രീതിയിൽ പരിഷ്ക്കരിച്ച് ആദായകരമാക്കാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചെതെങ്കിലും സ്കീം ഡയറക്ടർ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: സാധുക്കളായ പോട്ടേഴ്സിന്റേയും ഉണ്ണാമലക്കട, കോട്ടാർ മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെ നെയ്ത്തുകാരുടെയും രക്ഷിലഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കു പര്യാപ്തമായ സ്കീം തയാറാക്കി അയക്കുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS : It will be considered.

PRESIDENT : The Director might possibly indicate to the honourable member what happened to the weavers of Kottar.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : We have made some investigation about the conditions of the weavers round about Balaramapuram, but not round about Kottar ..

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): May I know whether there are not more weavers round about Kottar ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether a large number of them is now out of employment?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : A good number of them is out of employment.

Village roads in the Vaikom Town.

244. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the village roads in the Vaikom town, the distance of each road and the amount spent per mile for repairing each of them during 1113 and 1114 ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*) : A *statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Price of rice got down by Government.

245. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average cost price of the rice got down by them ;

(*b*) the landing charge per 100 bags paid by the Government to the steamer agents ;

(*c*) whether there were persons who were prepared to do the same work at a lower rate ;

(*d*) whether the Alleppey Labour Union offered a lower quotation for landing the rice ; and

(*e*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the quotation offered by the Union ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government and Controller of Food Supplies*) : (*a*) The actual cost could be ascertained only after the entire stock is sold out.

(*b*) Alleppey B. Rs. 15-0-0
Quilon B. Rs. 14-8-0
Trivandrum B. Rs. 17-3-0

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*d*) this does not arise.

Muthukuzhi Vayal.

246 *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have any record to show that the flow of water from Muthukuzhi Vayal is perennial or otherwise ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, whether they propose to take gaugings at Muthukuzhi Vayal ?

*Vide Appendix IV. page 824.

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